— मथुरा वर्तमान 45000 लाइनों के स्थान पर 5000 लाइनों का मुख्य

— मुरादाबाद 4000 लाइनों का मुख्य

— देहरादून 5000 लाइनों का मुख्य

— मंसूरी वर्तमान 800 लाइनों के स्थान पर 1000 लाइ

— झांसी वर्तमान 2400 लाइनों के स्थान पर 4000 लाइनें

— लखनऊ महानगर 1400 लाइनों के स्थान पर ई–10 बी आर एल यू

इलैक्ट्रोमैकेनिकल एक्सचेंज (बड़े आकार के)

— मथुरा स्ट्रोजर 400 लाइनों का विस्तार।

— मुरादाबाद स्ट्रोजर 1200 लाइनों का विस्तार।

— मेरठ क्रासबार 2000 लाइनों का विस्तार ।

— आगरा–II क्रासबार 5000 लाइनों मुख्य ।

Proposal to Meter Local Calls from Electronic Exchange

1469. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to meter all local calls from Electronic Exchanges in Delhi from September, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof and circumstances leading to such move;

(c) whether this arrangement would not apply on private connections;

(d) whether Government propose to take some concrete measures to provide better customer services; and

(e) if so, the details thereof with criteria for such improvement and by when these would be effective?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Local calls from Electronic Exchanges in Delhi are already metered on untimed basis. There is a proposal under consideration for introduction of Times, Meeting of local calls at the interval of 3 minutes to relieve congestion on telephone lines.

(c) The proposal covers all telephone lines from Electronic Exchanges including private lines.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Concrete measures have already been initiated to provide better customers' services. The details are given in the attached statement.

Statement

Steps taken/to improve further the telephone services for Delhi.

(1) *External Plant:*

1. Revamping and rehabilitation of external plant and fittings at subscribers premises.
2. Locking and dressing up of DPs Cabinets & Pillars.
3. Laying of underground Cables in ducts.
4. Pressurisation of Junction, Primary and Secondary Cables.
5. Use of Jelly Filled underground Cables.

6. Use of better type of terminations.

7. Use of insulated dropwires and standard accessories.

8. Replacement of old fault prone underground cables.

9. Ensuring rigid adherence to cable construction practices.

10. Use of better telephone instruments.

(2) *Telephone Exchanges & Media*:

1. Phasing out of old and outmoded exchanges in the network.

2. Introduction of large number of digital electronic exchanges.

3. Introduction of PCM system, Optical Fibre System and Digital Microwave Systems as media.

4. Introduction of electronic Trunk Automatic Exchanges to handle STD/ISD calls.

5. Streamlining the working of mannual Trunk Exchange and ultimately replacing it with a computer controlled electronic exchange.

(3) *Computerisation of services.*

Pending Schemes of Andhra Pradesh

1470. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes pending for clearance with Government from Andhra Pradesh regarding roads, bridges, conversion to National Highways, driver training institutes, etc.;

(b) what are the schemes where information is awaited from Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the schemes likely to be cleared by Government in 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) References about various road and bridge schemes from Andhra Pradesh pending with the Government are mentioned below alongwith their position:—

1. (i) 14 schemes for conversion of State Roads into National Highways and 15 schemes to be taken up under the Economic and Inter State Importance Programme. These proposals can be considered only after the finalisation of the 8th Plan.

1 (i) 14 schemes for conversion of financed against the augmented Central Road Fund. These would be proposed for approval after actual augmentation of the Central Road Fund, which has not yet taken place.

(iii) 15 estimates for works on National Highways. These would be taken up after Demand for Grants have been passed by the Parliament.

2. In addition to above, a Project Report for the development of Buchingham Canal and Commamur Canal between Madras and Vijavawada at an estimated cost of Rs. 37.18 crores has been submitted in February, 1991, for consideration as Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which 50 per cent of the sanctioned cost is provided as Central loan assistance. Certain clarifications|comments have been asked from State Governments of Andhra Pradesh|Tamil Nadu in this regard.

3. Actual clearance of schemes during 1991-92 would depend on *inter-se* priority of the schemes, availability of funds, etc.

Central Road Fund

1471. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Surface Transport operates a Central Road Fund wherein an amount at a rate of five percent of Sale of fuel both petrol and diesel is credited to the fund for release to State Governments to be utilised for road development per the principles and guidelines laid down by the Central Government; and